

Dear Sir

I Yesterday rec^d. your Letter, with Mr. John Lewis's order for the £20 you drew for. I intended to have made you a larger paym^t. but not having sold all my Tob^o. & being obliged lately to pay some Money unexpectedly call'd for, I could only send Mr. Lewis Ten Pounds of that Sum. I expect to be call'd on for in a few days. When I shall be able to make you a farther paym^t. I am unable to say; I am afraid it will not be very soon unless I should be more fortunate in collecting than I at present expect. My Wife was taken two days ago with the same disorder my Children died with, I hope she will have it favourable. It is above a fortnight since any of my family at home had it. I hope you may come & see me with safety; but should you be unwilling to venture. I would wait on you, if health permits, could I be inform'd where to find you when you come near this neighbourhood.

I am, D^r. Your obliged hum^l. Serv^t.

James Madison
July 5th 1775.

